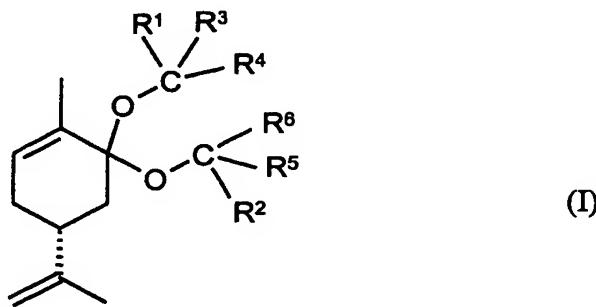


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A flavouring agent comprising a Use of (-)-carvone acetals acetal of the general formula (I)



as flavourings,

wherein:

R^1 to R^6 independently of one another denote hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms; or optionally R^4 and R^6 together denote a carbon single bond or a $-(CR^7R^8)_x-$ group,

wherein x can take on the values 1 or 2, and

R^7 and R^8 independently of one another denote hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

2. (Amended) A flavoring agent Use according to claim 1, wherein characterised in that, in formula (I), R^1 to R^6 denote a hydrogen atom or R^1 and R^2 independently of one another denote an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms and R^3 to R^6 a hydrogen atom or the residues R^4 and R^6 together denote a carbon single bond and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^5 independently of one another denote a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

3. (Amended) A flavoring agent Use according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein said (-)-carvone acetal is (-)-carvone dimethyl acetal, (-)-carvone diethyl acetal, (-)-carvone ethylene glycol acetal, (-)-carvone 1,2-propylene glycol acetal, (-)-carvone 1,2-butylene glycol acetal or (-)-carvone 2,3-butylene glycol acetal, are used.
4. (Amended) A (-)-carvone acetal selected from the group consisting of (-)-Carvone carvone dimethyl acetal, (-)-carvone diethyl acetal and (-)-carvone 1,2-butylene glycol acetal.
5. (Amended) A method for adding flavor to a product comprising adding to said product a flavouring agent according to claim 1. Flavour and taste compositions containing a (-)-carvone acetals of formula (I) from claim 1.
6. (Amended) Flavour and taste compositions according to claim 5, characterised in that they have A flavouring agent according to claim 1 comprising a content of (-)-carvone acetals of formula (I) of 0.5 to 60 wt.%.
7. (Amended) A product selected from foods Foods and items consumed for pleasure, body care products and pharmaceutical preparations, containing the flavouring agent of (-)-carvone acetals of formula (I) from claim 1.

8. (Amended) A product according to claim 7 comprising body care products in the form of Body care products according to claim 7, characterised in that these are oral care products, especially toothpastes, tooth gels, dental creams, dental care chewing gums and or mouthwashes.
9. (Amended) A product according to claim 7 having Agents according to at least one of claims 5 to 8, characterised in that they have a pH greater than or equal to 7.5.
10. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 comprising adding 0.5 to 60 wt% of said flavouring agent. Process for the flavouring of foods, items consumed for pleasure, body care products or pharmaceutical preparations, characterised in that flavour and taste compositions according to claim 5 or 6 are incorporated.
11. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of Use of flavour and taste compositions according to claim 5 or 6 for the flavouring of foods, items consumed for pleasure, body care products or and pharmaceutical preparations.